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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Sirs,

I am writing as a practicing physician to register my opposition against the MOU in its present form.

This MOU would restrict the ability of my patients to obtain compounded pharmaceuticals that I prescribe for them that they are not able to obtain other than from a compounding pharmacy. It would severely limit their choices, by limiting them to an in-state pharmacy, which may not provide the best price or service. Therefore, it would stifle competition.

In some states, there may not be any such compounding pharmacies available, and patients in those states would not have access to these preparations at all.

Many of my patients have had improved outcomes as a result of compounded pharmaceuticals. Access to these preparations is an important part of my ability to help certain patients, and is an important part of their successful treatment.

In summary, the MOU as currently written would be very bad for me, and for my patients, and I am strongly against it.

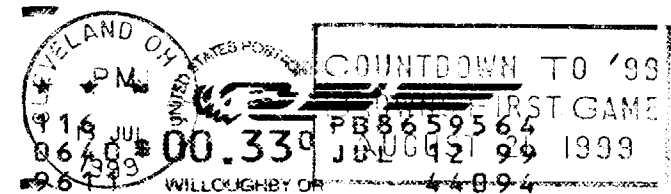

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